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--As illustrated in Fig. 7, the access tube 50 can be used to access a pericardial space PS from a subxiphoid approach. A patient's heart H underlies the sternum S beneath the chest wall CW, as illustrated in Fig. 7. The access tube 50 can be introduced beneath the inferior end of the sternum S to approach the parietal pericardium PP. The penetrating elements 56 can thus engage the parietal pericardium and draw it away from the visceral pericardium VP. The access device 14 can then be introduced through the access tube 50 and into the enlarged pericardial space PS'. The access device 14 can be used for introducing a guidewire or any of the other purposed described above.--

Rewritten Claims in Clean Form

Please amend claim 21 to read as follows:

21. (Amended) A kit for accessing the pericardial space between the visceral and parietal pericardium, said kit comprising:
an access tube having a distal end which can be selectively embedded into tissue; and
instructions for use setting forth a method for accessing an anatomic space having a wall with an outer surface, said method comprising: